

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
From: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Subject: **APRIL 20, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

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Nick Arnis (Absent)
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Harold Anderson
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Robert Tyler

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Guests

Mike Lovely
Jim Gattey
Bill Brisson
Mike Marshall
Rex Wolf

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Vice Chair, Tom Stump welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Stump called for approval of the March minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion to accept the March 2010 minutes, as written, passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Mike Lovely reported on the Citizen Service Requests in his Neighborhood Association. The only one for this month involved a burned out street light, the request was forwarded to Public Works for repair.

- 3) **Agenda Review:** The representative from ACTS Oregon did not attend the meeting this month so Item #5 was deleted. It was suggested to reverse Items #6 & 7 in the hopes that Nick Arnis would be back to the meeting by that time.
- 4) **Mt. Washington Pedestrian Crossings – Officer Christopher Carney**

Officer Carney explained that during the last month he and the volunteers in his department took on the job of studying the pedestrian activity and interaction with vehicles in and around NW Crossing at Mt. Washington. They made observations over three weekdays at several intersections at varying times of day. They compiled the results in a report that was distributed at the meeting. Also during the month the City of Bend street maintenance crews cleared an enormous amount of shrubbery and landscaping out of the center median and landscaping strips on both sides of Mt. Washington. The results point to an improved visibility for motorists to see pedestrians and all of the observed interactions of vehicles to pedestrians being positive. No further action needed.

5) **TSAC Annual Report**

Harold Anderson suggested the annual report contain the Standard Operating Procedure for the Citizen Service Requests. It was suggested that this action would best fit in the 2009-2010 report, since we did the work in this fiscal year.

Robert Tyler commented on the improvements to Mt. Washington Drive at Simpson intersection, he noted that the rumble strips have already helped and that there have been not new accidents at this site.

6) **Portland Avenue Stop sign request**

It was suggested that the Portland Avenue Stop Sign request for a 4 way stop at Awbrey Road be studied by Century West & Summit West Neighborhood Associations. The request is to remove the stop sign at 5th and add a stop sign at Awbrey Road. The areas should be observed for the next month and a report will be submitted back to TSAC with the results of that observation. Special interest is the traffic back-ups or queing at stop signs and also traffic from Portland and Wall backing up over the bridge. It was suggested that AM/PM peak times would be best for observation. Erik Huffman suggested that a sign stating that cross traffic does not stop would be appropriate in this situation.

Agenda Items for the next TSAC Meeting

Report on Awbrey Road Stop sign request

Adjourn 8:45 AM

Joel McCarrol announced that the ODOT Safe Routes to School – Planning Grants application process just opened. This is for new SRTS only.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.